Royalty on soft drinks

1737. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 724 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Limca soft drink which has its orgin in Italy was banned there; if so, what are the reasons for which its manufacture was permitted in India; and

(b) what is the annual royalty paid for Limca and other aerated drinks since its inception and whether this is in foreign exchange and if so, what is the mode of payment?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trade with Neighbouring Countries

1738. SHRI KAPIL VERMA
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.
KUMARI ALIA.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of India's trade with Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal during the last five years, year-wise and reasons for upward/ downward trend in each case; and

(b) what has been total foreign trade position during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Quantum of India's trade with Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal during the last 5 years, year-wise, is given below:-

EXPORT

Rs. crores

Country	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90 (upto 1/90)
Bangladesh	128.75	163.96	186.81	261.94	373.21
Nepal	101.71	102.83	93.68	97.28	74.33
Pakistan	14.64	15.46	20.12	36.43	36.49
Sri Lanka	80.62	86.84	101.63	146.92	75.22
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Bangaladesh	15.86	23.08	14.79	14.53	12.54
Nepal	47.60	64.36	44.66	34.74	0.37
Pakistan	26.59	30.42	30.59	72.58	38.27
Sri Lanka	8.08	11.33	11.71	27.54	14.99

Indian exports to these countries have been, by and large, going up due to official and business level export promotion measures. The decline in trade with Nepal is related to the lapsing of the Treaty of Trade in March, 1989. The quantum of imports from these countries has been almost at the same level with slight variations which can be attributed to normal commercial factors like price and quality competitiveness.

(b) India's total foreign trade during the last five years, yearwise, is given below: